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Appln. No. 10/573,142 ✓
Filing Date: October 26, 2006
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We are enclosing herewith copies of the filing receipt and Application Data Sheet for the above-identified patent application.

Please note that the section entitled "*Assignment for Published Patent Application*" should read --**Metso Paper, Inc., Helsinki, FINLAND**--, not "SWEDEN." Also, in the "*Title*," please change "fibre" to read --fiber--. As proof of this change, please refer to the enclosed copy of pages 1-2 of a Preliminary Amendment filed on March 22, 2006.

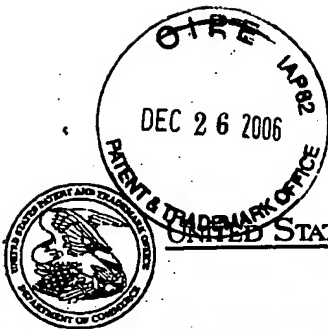
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This application is a 371 of PCT/SE04/01204 08/17/2004

Foreign Applications

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Title

Thickener for concentration of fibre suspensions

Preliminary Class

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International Application No.:
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For: A THICKENER FOR CONCENTRATION OF
FIBRE SUSPENSIONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the
above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following
amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE TITLE

Amend the title as follows:

A THICKENER FOR CONCENTRATION OF ~~FIBRE~~ FIBER
SUSPENSIONS



Application Data Sheet

Application Information

Application Type::	Regular
Subject Matter::	Utility
Suggested Group Art Unit::	N/A
CD-ROM or CD-R?::	None
Sequence submission?::	None
Computer Readable Form (CRF)?::	No
Title::	A THICKENER FOR CONCENTRATION OF FIBRE SUSPENSIONS
Attorney Docket Number::	B&LAB 3.3-021
Request for Early Publication?::	No
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Petition included?::	No
Secrecy Order in Parent Appl.?::	No

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